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Dear Respondent:

This issue of the Idaho Crop and Livestock Producers' News covers the results of the October 2007 Vegetable Report. Acreage was reported for the U.S., Region and selected States.

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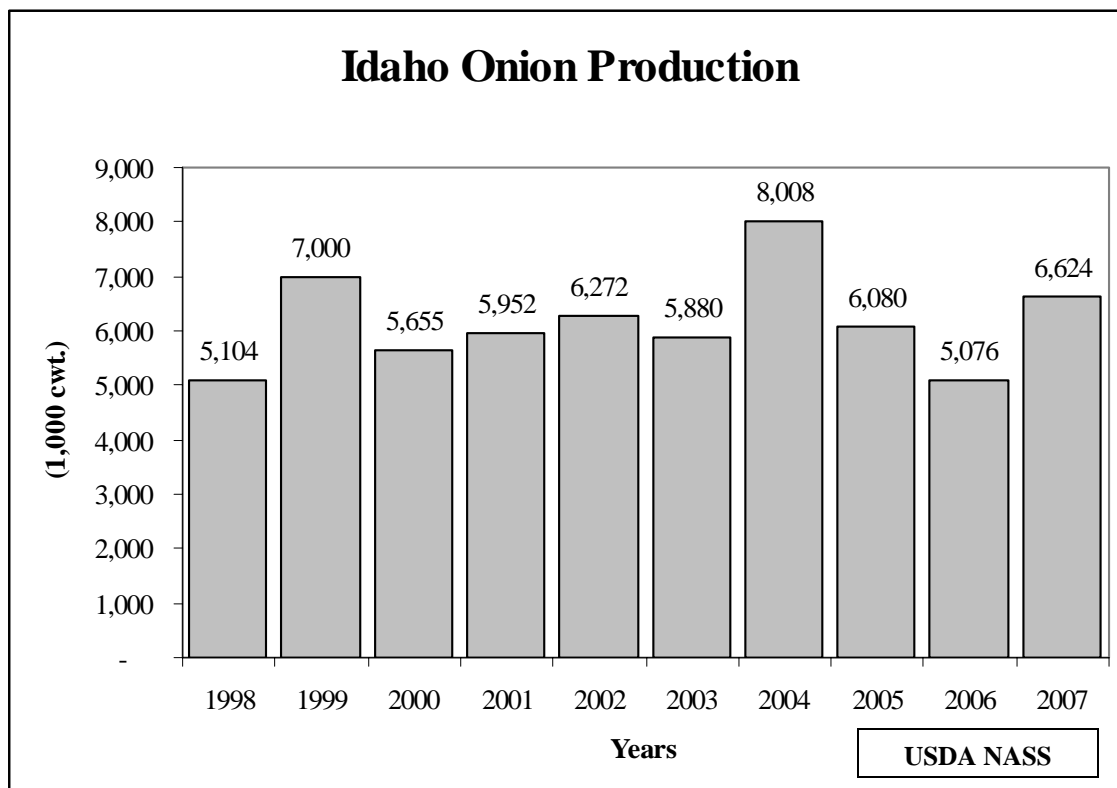
Sincerely,

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Idaho Onion Production

Onion production in Idaho is expected to be 6.62 million cwt, a 30 percent increase from 2006's production of 5.08 million cwt. The yield for Idaho is forecast to be 720 cwt, up 180 cwt from last year's yield. Compared to last year, there were more favorable conditions and no major disease problems reported. Onion acreage harvested in Idaho is estimated to be 9,200 acres, 200 acres less than last year. As of October 1st, 89 percent of the state's onions had been harvested, which is above the five-year average of 73 percent. Malheur County is expected to have an onion production of 8.33 million cwt, a 37 percent increase from last year. The yield for Malheur County is estimated at 700 cwt and the acreage harvested is estimated at 11,900 acres.

Nationally, summer storage onion production is forecast at 54.1 million hundredweight (cwt), up 5 percent from last year. Harvested area is forecast at 105,680 acres, down 4 percent from 2006. The yield, at 512 cwt per acre, is up 46 cwt from last year. In California, after planting, early mild temperatures and timely rainfall helped the crop to progress well initially. However, cool temperatures in the San Joaquin region slowed crop development, delaying harvest up to several weeks. In Colorado, restrictions on irrigation water and labor shortages led to lower acreage this year. Hail damage and disease outbreaks during the season further reduced acreage and negatively impacted yield. Malheur and Other Oregon producers expect higher yields this season due to less damage from thrip and the yellow spot virus. In Washington, harvest is underway and quality of the storage onion crop is reported to be very good.



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Onions: Harvested Acres, Yield, and Production by Season, State, and United States, 2006-2007

Season and State	Harvested Acres		Yield		Production		
	2006	2007	2006	2007	2006	2007	% change
	<i>Acres</i>		<i>Cwt</i>		<i>1,000 Cwt</i>		
Spring	34,600	31,300	322	348	11,128	10,880	98%
Summer							
Non-Storage	19,900	19,900	531	546	10,562	10,863	103%
Storage							
California ¹	31,800	29,700	425	430	13,515	12,771	94%
Colorado	9,500	7,700	400	375	3,800	2,888	76%
IDAHO	9,400	9,200	540	720	5,076	6,624	130%
Michigan	2,600	2,500	250	270	650	675	104%
New York	12,800	11,400	330	350	4,224	3,990	94%
Oregon							
Malheur	11,700	11,900	520	700	6,084	8,330	137%
Other	8,400	8,500	550	530	4,620	4,505	98%
Washington	20,000	21,000	600	610	12,000	12,810	107%
Wisconsin	1,900	1,700	300	340	570	578	101%
Other States ²	2,180	2,080	378	449	825	934	113%
Total	110,280	105,680	466	512	51,364	54,105	105%
Summer	130,180	125,580	476	517	61,926	64,968	105%
United States	164,780	156,880	443	483	73,054	75,848	104%

1/ Primarily for dehydrated and other processing.

2/ OH and UT.



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